

Sizzling Starts



1. Begin with Action

Five, four, three, two, ONE! The cameras were rolling and I was about to eat a cockroach!

2. Make the reader curious

The beach house was great, but then my cousins arrived with the bags, the bricks and wearing their usual beanies.

3. Dialogue

It's just a rat,' I said, breathing hard.

'Rats don't growl,' said Mike

4. Humour

Ever cheered for your footy team with a pie in one hand and a drink in the other? Don't. When that final goal happened, I wore both.

5. A moment of change

*All was going well on the hike until
heat wave happened. I was hot and
and dying for a swim. Then I saw the
And the sign: Warning! Crocodiles.*

6. Onomatopoeia

“Sssssss....” The sound was coming closer. I slowly place ear against the wall. Could it be Big Ben, out of his enclosure?

NARRATIVES

*Once there was a Tooth Fairy
with a bad
temper. She always went ou*

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What's wrong with this introduction?

- Too short
- Not engaging
- Starts with the usual
'Once...'
- No speech or moment
of change

What is it supposed to
look like?

*'Whaaaaat... Is that the
little kid in the bed mui-
' No!' said the Tooth Fairy
and keep your eyes shut
no money for your tooth.'
104th visit for the night and
wings hurt and she was defin-
over eager little kids.*

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ly*

EXPOSITION

I think ghosts do exist. Once my family were staying in a hotel, and it felt really creepy...

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- Not engaging
- Starts with the usual 'I think...'
- No rhetorical questions

What is it supposed to look like?

throughout about 1000 words
stayed in the Glendowne
a swimming pool and a large
TV - and a cold, cold feeling that
seeped into you every time
walked into the room. We
heated up to full, but no heat
was only later we found out the
mayor of Glendowne had been
murdered in the room just two
before...

Your turn! Choose one from below and write a sizzling start for a n

- Almost getting caught
- It's not fair
- My Grandparents are not who they say they are
- A holiday that stinks
- A fight with my

Your turn! Choose one from below and write a sizzling start for a persuasive **text**:

- Weekends should be longer
- Why I should get more pocket money
- Should parents always tell the truth to their children?
- Mornings are better than evenings
- If only I had











